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1. INTERIOR LOOKS FORWARD RECEIVING REACTIONS NOTED PARA 1,
REFTEL (C).

2. RE PARA 2 REFTEL (C), INTERIOR TEAM MEMBER, DAVID F.
DAVIDSON, CHIEF, BRANCH OF MIDDLE EASTERN AND ASIAN GEOLOGY,
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, PLANNING VISIT HYDERABAD TO DISCUSS WITH
NARAIN AND COLLEAGUES POSSIBLE GEOPHYSICAL COOPERATIVE WORK.
DAVIDSON ALSO PLANNING VISIT TO SURVEY OF INDIA, DEHRA DUN.
AT EMBASSY DISCRETION, GREATLY APPRECIATE SCIATT MAKING ARRANGE-
MENTS THOSE VISITS.

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3. IN VIEW EMBASSY'S VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS AND INTERIOR'S
KNOWLEDGE RE STUDY MISSION CONTACTS, SLATER NOW DEVELOPING

DETAILS OF PRELIMINARY ITINERARY FOR EACH STUDY MISSION MEMBER AND WILL SEND EMBASSY SHORTLY. EMBASSY ASKED TO CONSIDER THESE ITINERARIES AS SUGGESTIONS, REALIZING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS IN EMBASSY HANDS.

4. SUGGESTIONS BY S.N. GUPTA NOTED PARA 3 REFTEL (C) FOR VISITS TO WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTES AND FACILITIES AND MEETING WITH S.K. BANERJEE APPEAR WORTHWHILE. AT EMBASSY DISCRETION, SLATER SUGGESTS THESE CONTACTS BE INCLUDED ON ITINERARY FOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TEAM MEMBER DR. JACK W. HILF, CHIEF, DIVISION OF DESIGN, DENVER, AND PERHAPS ON SLATER'S ITINERARY, PARTICULARLY THE CENTRAL SALINITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, KARNAL, SINCE SLATER PLANS COVER STUDY MISSIONS' INTEREST IN DESALINATION.

5. NATIONAL PARK SERVICES' MISSION REPRESENTATIVE, MR. ROBERT M. UTLEY, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATIO , WASHINGTON, AND SLATER ARE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH INDIAN WILDLIFE PROGRAMS, AND SEEING WILDLIFE AREAS. UTLEY AND SLATER PLEASED WITH AGRICULTURE DEPUTY SECRETARY RANJITSINGH'S REACTION INTERIOR MISSION AND LOOK FORWARD PRO- DUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM AND OTHERS IN WILDLIFE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT FIELDS.

6. SCIATT WILL NOTE IN STUDY MISSION OUTLINE AIR POUCHED YESTERDAY, INTERIOR DELAYING 2-WEEK MISSION START UNTIL JANUARY 20 IN LINE PARA 6 REFTEL (C). OUTLINE CONTAINS TEAM MEMBERS' NAMES, POSITIONS, AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS REQUESTED PARA 7 REFTEL (C). MEMBERS LISTED IN OUTLINE BELIEVED FIRM; HOWEVER, AS MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE, ADDITIONAL DETAILS SOON BE DES- PATCHED BY SCIATT. RUSH

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